

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 7, 2011

TITLE: Request to Consider Yarn bombing Project, Pre-approved Sites and Process To Request Future Sites

DEPARTMENT: Recreation and Parks	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Staff Report C. Yarn Bombing Proposal	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Jones-McNair: 918-7381

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is for the Board to further review and discuss a proposed yarn bombing site list and consider guidelines to request future sites.

INFORMATION:

The Board of Aldermen discussed a request from the Arts Committee on May 17th and 24th to begin Yarn bombing in Carrboro. The town attorney and staff were asked to review the request for feasibility, liability and develop a proposed pre-approved list of sites that could be covered and not require further approval. Also to prepare a simple draft form that can be submitted in the future for sites not on the pre-approved list.

Recreation and Parks and Public Works staff met to discuss items that could be considered during the Yarn bombing Project that would not require approval. The following items may be bombed so long as they are not covered to a height in excess of 8 feet.

- Planters at the Roberson/Greensboro parking lot.
- Bike racks at Town Hall/Commons, Century Center, parks and town leased parking lots.
- Information sign posts at Town Hall/Commons. (Traffic signs are not included)
- Railings along Town Hall and Century Center.
- Tree trunks at Town Hall/Commons, Century Center and parks. (Holly tree at FS # 2 and Elm tree in front of Town Hall are not included.)
- Garbage cans at Town Hall, Century Center and parks.
- Sculptures at Town Hall/Century Center.
- Also in the parks – goal posts, light poles and water fountains.

We also discussed drafting a request form for the Arts Committee Yarn Bombing Subcommittee to use for items not on the above list. Because of the concerns voiced by the Board of Alderman, we recommend keeping it simple and do not think a form will be needed. They can just submit a general request that includes the item to consider and time frame. If we have any questions we can contact the subcommittee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal impact has not been identified at this time. Future fiscal impact may exist should the Board approve a designated amount of funds that can be used for this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

Town Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider adopting the attached resolution.